

Church of the Holy Angels

April 23, 2017, Divine Mercy Sunday

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MASSSES OF OBLIGATION: SATURDAY 5:30PM
 SUNDAY 8:30AM & 10:30AM

CONFESSIONS: SATURDAY 4:00PM-5:00PM

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY THRU THURSDAY 9:00AM-4:00PM

OFFICE CLOSED FRIDAYS

Rev. Andrew Stahmer, Pastor

Deacon Thomas Conlin

Mary Kay Bartol, Secretary, Organist, Choir Director

Joette Foris, Director of Religious Education, Guitarist

Robert Balonis, Maintenance

Elaine Lutz, Office Volunteer

FINANCIAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Charles Kaminsky, Chairman, Mary Ann Daya,

Kathy Nolan, Frank Mirarchi, Peter Avellino

Parish Mission Statement

We, the family of Holy Angels Parish, a diverse community of ethnic and cultural backgrounds, are united through the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Word of God to all peoples by following the teachings of Jesus Christ.

Working together in wisdom and love we commit ourselves in the following ways: protecting the unborn; fostering faith development in our youth; planting new seeds of evangelization throughout our parish family through prayer, spiritual works, education and outreach activities; ministering to the needs of our aging parishioners; promoting holiness through celebration of the sacraments, worship in liturgy, communal prayer, and our faith traditions.

Through these actions rooted in charity and mercy, we pledge to pass on our customs and beliefs to future generations, thus preserving our faith traditions for the greater glory of God and as a sign of Christ's love.

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

James Nolan, Chairman, Joseph Meyer, Vice-Chairman, Jeanne Avellino, Pat Bingaman, Sherry Bozza, Maria Foris, Teresa McCabe, Juliann Wanzie, Kathy Pupo, Jeff Kruleski, Alex Clayberger, Lena Leaveck

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 22

8:00am Deceased of the Rosario & Catherine
 Varano Family
 5:30pm Henry D. Sgro

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 23

8:30am Mary Katherine Sinopoli
 10:30am People of the Parish

Monday, April 24

6:30pm Agnes Avellino

Tuesday, April 25

8:00am Irene T. Mirarchi

Wednesday, April 26

7:00am Cecelia Papp

Thursday, April 27

6:30pm Regina Yeich

Friday, April 28

8:00am Deceased of the Thurick & Kulick
 Families

Saturday, April 29

8:00am Patricia Szoke
 5:30pm Ann Olbrish

Sunday, April 30

8:30am Helen D. Miller
 10:30am People of the Parish

Sacrificial Offering

Weekend of April 16, 2017

Sunday Offering Envelopes	\$4,015.00
Youth Offering	\$46.00
Loose(Holy Thursday & Easter Sunday)	\$573.00
Energy	\$10.00
Ash Wednesday	\$65.00
Holy Thursday	\$873.00

Amount Budgeted	\$8,333.00
Amount Contributed	\$5,582.00
Weekend of April 16	-\$2,751.00

Votive Candles	\$132.00
Air Conditioning Maintenance	\$926.00
Easter Flowers	\$64.00

Improvement Fund	
Previous Balance	\$13,972.00
Weekend of April 16	+117.00
Current Balance	\$14,089.00

Easter Collection	
Adult Offering Envelopes	\$8,994.00
Youth Offering Envelopes	\$100.00
Total Easter	\$9,094.00

Diocesan Collections	
Poor Missions	\$5.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$15.00
Holy Land (Good Friday)	\$871.00

A Dime at a Time	
Current Debt	\$143,082.23
Dime at a Time	\$34.90
Plus 1 (+1) Contributions	\$20.00
Debt Reduction	\$30.00
Balance	\$142,997.33



Of Your Charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Robert Cupsta, a member of Holy Angels Parish Family. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.

Welcome to All!

This church is our heavenly Father's house, a place of solace and grace, so feel at home here. Enter reverently, pray quietly, sing joyfully, listen attentively, give cheerfully and come back gladly. Remain in the church after Mass for some personal quiet time with the Lord and come early before Mass to pray the Rosary with others. If you ever feel unwelcome-let the pastor know!

Active Parishioner Status

We receive many requests for parishioners to be godparents or sponsors for the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation and to rightfully enjoy the number of services offered at Holy Angels Parish. Part of the request is to be able to verify that a person is an "active member"

An "Active Member" is:

1. Properly registered on the parish rolls.
2. Faithfully attends Mass on Sundays and Holy Days.
3. Participates in parish activities/ministries when possible.

4. Uses the parish envelope system for donations. These are the main factors that will be considered in making the determination that someone is an "active member. Other criteria are also taken into consideration when requesting a sponsor certificate.

BINGO

Bingo will be held Tuesday, April 25, 2017. Doors open 4:30PM. Game begins 6:00PM.

Bingo Workers & Bakers

Cakes or pies are always needed for Bingo on Tuesday evenings. Drop off your baked goods at the Activity Center during the day on any Tuesday. Men and women are most welcome to assist with working the floor!

Adoration at St. Pauline Center

Eucharistic Adoration is held at the St. Pauline Center Fridays from noon until 10:00PM and Saturdays from 5:00AM to 7:00PM. The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is prayed in the chapel on Fridays at 3:00PM

Our Lady of Lourdes Regional School

All Faiths Welcome-Tuition Assistance Available

Pre-K-6th Registration

Monday-Friday 9AM-3PM

After School Care available until 5:00PM

For further information call

570-644-0375 ext. 111

7th-12th Registration call

570-644-0375 ext 110

Focusing on the Four R's

Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, Religion

Vigil Lights

April 23 thru April 29

Sanctuary Light: *Special intention of Rose Bogutskie*

St. Anthony: *In loving memory of Wasil & Florence Wengrenovich by Michael & Rosalie Ziegler & Family*

St. Anne: *In loving memory of Elaine Duran by husband, Michael*

St. Casimir: *Special intention...*

St. Theresa: *Special intention...*

St. Kateri: *Special intention...*

St. Marziale: *In loving memory of Ronald Procopio by wife, Cindy, Children & Grandchildren*

Sacred Heart: *In loving memory of Jill Wolfgang by Mom, Dad & Jared*

*Holy Angels Pool Winner
No drawing held on April 11, 2017*

Hersheypark Discount Ticket Offer!

Discount tickets to Hersheypark are available to the friends and families of the parish at a significant savings. Gate admission for Regular is \$64.95 (ages 9-54); our price is \$36.00. Gate admission for Juniors (ages 3-8) and Seniors ages 55-69 is \$41.95; our price is \$30.50. Gate admission for Senior Plus (ages 70+) is \$26.95; our price is \$23.95. Add-on discount Hersheypark Meal Tickets at a savings of up to 30% off retail prices-\$10.60 each and NEW Snack Voucher-\$3.25 each. Orders MUST be received at the parish by **MONDAY, MAY 1, 2017**. Order forms are available in the back of the church.

Altar Server Schedule

Saturday, April 29

5:30PM Angel Barwicki, Emily Olszewski,
Tanner Greco

Sunday, April 30

8:30AM Mary Frances Komara, Brighton
Scicchitano, Dominic Tamborelli,
Brianna Tamborelli

10:30AM Philip Kenenitz-Hutnick, Zachary Smith,
Jeremiah Sheganoski

PREP Classes

Monday, April 24 for Grade 2 only.

Parish Council Meeting

Thursday, May 4, 2017 at 7:15PM

Finance Council Meeting

Thursday, May 11, 2017 at 7:15PM

Holy Angels Ladies Organization Chinese Auction
Holy Angels Ladies Organization is sponsoring a Chinese auction on Sunday, April 23, 2017. Doors will open at 12 noon and the auction begins at 2:00p.m. Admission is \$5.00 which includes one strip of 20 tickets and a door prize ticket with extra tickets available for purchase. A variety of food will be available for purchase also.

HOLY ANGELS PARISH PICNIC AUGUST 4, & 5, 2017

Picnic Committee Meeting

Thursday, April 27, 2017

7:15PM in the Activity Center

All interested parishioners are encouraged to attend.

Bishop's Annual Lenten Appeal

"I Give You An Example"

As of April 9, we have received \$15,577.00 towards our goal of \$20,200.00. Remember, every dollar that is gifted above our goal is returned to us. I ask you to reflect upon God's goodness to you and make an appropriate gift of thanks. As your pastor, I am grateful for all you do for our community, and ask God's continued blessings for you and your loved ones.

William Cardinal Keeler

Bishop Gainer invites the clergy and lay faithful of the Diocese of Harrisburg to remember prayerfully William Cardinal Keeler with the traditional Month's Mind Mass on Sunday, April 23 at Saint Patrick Cathedral. This custom remembers the faithful departed one month after their passing from this world. Invoking the redeeming love and consolation of the Divine Mercy, the celebration will begin with Exposition of the Most Holy Sacrament following the 12:15 PM Mass. At 3:00 PM Bishop Gainer will lead those gathered in the solemn praying of the Divine Mercy Chaplet concluding with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. At 4:00 PM a solemn Mass will be celebrated for the repose of the soul of William Cardinal Keeler.

**West End Fire Association, Kulpmont
Chicken BBQ**

Sunday, April 30th

11:00AM-3:00PM (or until sell out)

Dinner includes: ½ chicken, baked potato, corn, roll & dessert

Kulpmont delivery available

Tickets being pre-sold at West End Fire Co.,
Scicchitano's Pizza, Shimmering Wick
570-373-9423

**Full-time Employment Opportunity
Cemetery Maintenance Technician**

All Saints Cemetery, 172 All Saints Road, Elysburg has a full-time position available for immediate hire. Applicant should be willing to learn or have the ability to operate equipment necessary to perform cemetery maintenance work such as: backhoe, tractor, dump truck, mowers, lawn trimmers and a variety of small hand equipment and tools as well the ability to learn and perform regular equipment maintenance and upkeep. Work is performed both indoors and outdoors. Must be able to work in all weather conditions, to tight deadlines and able to lift or move items up to 100 pounds.

Applicant will work within a team as well as independently and be able to demonstrate tact, courtesy and diplomacy. This employment offers a market comparable compensation and a generous benefit package.

Applicant must have a valid PA driver's license, own transportation and provide a clean Criminal History report from the PA State Police and Child Abuse History Clearance of Department of Human Services. Applicant is subject to random drug screening. Resume and cover letter should be sent to Kshervinski@hbgdiocese.org or mailed to All Saints Cemetery, 172 All Saints Road, Elysburg, PA 17824. Detailed job description available at Cemetery office.

Marriage Annulments

The Tribunal of the Diocese of Harrisburg will be giving a presentation in our area concerning marriage, divorce and annulment according to Church teaching. This presentation will be helpful for divorced Catholics, those divorced who wish to marry Catholics, those parish leaders involved in the RCIA process and any others who may have a vested interest because of family or friends. This session will be held on May 4 at 7:00PM at St. Joseph Parish, Danville, in the parish hall. No prior registration is required. For further information please call 717-657-4804, extension 304, or email: tribunal@hbgdiocese.org.

One Million Rosaries for Unborn Babies

May 5th, 6th and 7th

This event is coordinated by the Saint Michael the Archangel Organization. The Catholic Daughters of the Americas' Our Lady of Victory #588 asks for your participation in praying at least one rosary during the targeted time frame for an end to the surgical and non-surgical killing of unborn human persons. If you are willing to participate in this event, please fill out a commitment form, which can be found in the back of the church, and return it thru the Sunday Collection by Sunday, April 23rd.

Car Cruise Concession Stand

Holy Angels will again operate a concession stand featuring various food and refreshments at the Kulpmont Car Cruise, Father's Day, Sunday, June 18, 2017. New food items will be introduced including french fries, chicken fingers, city chicken, meatball sandwiches, cannoli and other delicious home made food. Save the date and enjoy your lunch or dinner at the parish concession stand!

Divine Mercy Sunday

Today, we celebrate the Second Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday. At 3:00PM today, April 23, all are invited to participate in the Chaplet of Divine Mercy with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. Please take this time to spend with Our Lord in prayer.

Spiritual Bouquets for Mother Day

Cards are available in the back of the church to give a Spiritual Bouquet to your mother (living or deceased) for Mother's Day. Please make all returns by May 11 either to the parish office or thru the Sunday Collection. The Mass intentions for the 8:30 & 10:30AM Masses on Mother's Day will be celebrated for All Mothers.

Holy Angels Ladies Organization Meeting

Thursday, May 4, 2017 at 5:45PM in the Activity Center. All women of the parish are encouraged to be an active member of the Ladies Organization!

Stuffed Cabbage Sale

Holy Angels Parish will be having a Stuffed Cabbage Sale. Order sheets are available at the entrance of the church. The price of the Stuffed Cabbage will be 4 for \$5.00. Items ordered must be in quantities of 4. The deadline to place an order is Sunday, May 14th. The Stuffed Cabbage can be picked up in the Activity Center and payment made on Saturday, May 20th from 9:00AM until 12:00PM.

Music Man, Kids

Our Lady of Lourdes Elementary Chorus, grades 4-6, will present "Music Man, Kids" on Friday, April 28 at 7:00 and Sunday, April 30 at 2:00 in the school gymnasium. The students have spent many hours preparing for this and would be honored if you could attend. There is no set admission fee but donations would be greatly appreciated.

Seventh Annual Weekend Retreat

"The Harrisburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women (HDCCW) invites all women of the Diocese to join us for the SEVENTH ANNUAL WEEKEND RETREAT being held on the beautiful campus of Mount St. Mary's University, Emmitsburg, Maryland. It is from Friday evening on June 9th until noon on Sunday, June 11, 2017. The Retreat Master is Reverend Alfred Sceski, Pastor St. Joan of Arc Parish, Hershey, PA. Registration forms are available in the parish office. The registration deadline is May 22, 2017. Contact Barbara McCarthy at [717-534-1858](tel:717-534-1858) or FranBarbMc@aol.com with questions or to register."

Catholic Diocese Night with the Harrisburg Senator's-

Join us for a night of fun at the Harrisburg Senators Baseball Game on Friday, May 5 at 6 p.m. at Metro Bank Park on City Island. Harrisburg Diocesan Students will be singing the National Anthem. Tickets are \$9 (ages 3 and under free). There will be a special raffle just for Diocesan Participants and you can enter to win special prizes. Stay for the Post-Game Fireworks!!

email: jmoyer@senatorsbaseball.com for more info.

1st Friday Mass for Homeschooling Families -

Every month during this 2016-17 academic year, the Diocesan Department of Religious Education has hosted *1st Friday Mass and Devotions for Homeschooling Families* in the chapel of the Diocesan Center (4800 Union Deposit Road, Harrisburg, PA 17111). We began this initiative October 7, 2016 and will continue at least through 1st Friday in June 2017 (June 2). **Friday, May 5, 2017 will be the next 1st Friday Diocesan Homeschooling Mass and Devotions.** Confessions will be heard beginning at 5:30 pm, with Mass celebrated at 6:00 pm, and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction immediately following Mass and ending approximately 7:30 pm. At the conclusion of Adoration, there will be cookies, coffee, and punch available. If you do plan on attending, kindly RSVP to Jim Gontis at jgontis@hbgdiocese.org by May 1 with the number that you anticipate will be coming from your family.

Calendar

Monday

April 24

Easter Weekday

Acts 4:23–31

Jn 3:1–8

Tuesday

April 25

St. Mark,
Evangelist

1 Pt 5:5b–14

Mk 16:15–20

Wednesday

April 26

Easter Weekday

Acts 5:17–26

Jn 3:16–21

Thursday

April 27

Easter Weekday

Acts 5:27–33

Jn 3:31–36

Friday

April 28

Easter Weekday

Acts 5:34–42

Jn 6:1–15

Saturday

April 29

St. Catherine of Siena,
Virgin and
Doctor of the Church

Acts 6:1–7

Jn 6:16–21

Sunday

April 30

Third Sunday
of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22–33

1 Pt 1:17–21

Lk 24:13–35

Dear Padre,

Does the Church allow sick and elderly people to have “do not resuscitate (DNR)” orders?

Yes. The Church understands the human person as a union of body and soul. Made in God’s image and likeness, we cannot separate our physical life from our spiritual life. When our bodies die, our spiritual existence continues. Thus, to believe that we are morally bound to exhaust all possible medical treatments incorrectly overemphasizes the good of our physical life here on earth—which our faith teaches comprises, in the end, shadows and dust—and overlooks the good of our spiritual life as well as the eternal destiny to which we are called by God.

There comes a time when medical intervention, beyond that required to keep a person comfortable and to relieve pain, is unnecessary and can excessively burden the patient or the family. Elderly and imminently dying patients are not obligated to undertake unreasonable or excessively burdensome medical procedures or to use measures that sustain life beyond basic nursing care such as proper hygiene, food and fluids (when they can be assimilated into the body), comfortable room temperature, turning to avoid bed sores, and other means.

Having conversations with loved ones about this matter is an excellent way to find support during times of suffering and loss. “Do not resuscitate (DNR)” orders can be part of the process of letting go of the life we have known while embracing the new life that awaits us in Jesus Christ.

Source: *Liguorian*, March 2011



A Word From Pope Francis

“We are called to abandon the behavior of sin and fix our gaze on what is essential. ‘A man is more precious for what he is than for what he has’ (Gaudium et spes, 35)...This love conquers sin and gives the strength to rise and begin again... and [be] rejuvenated.”

—Homily, March 28, 2014



April 23, 2017

Divine Mercy Sunday

Acts 2:42–47

1 Pt 1:3–9

Jn 20:19–31

Touching Jesus’ Mercy

The memory and marks of our sufferings can lead us to lose our peace. For Christ, this is not so. He shows the disciples his wounds and says, “Peace be with you.” It may seem contradictory, but it isn’t. To touch Christ’s wounded side is to touch his mercy, to touch a love that overcomes everything. In spite of my sins wounding him, he comes to me in loving mercy. Jesus’ wounds bring peace.

When the apostles see his hands and side, they rejoice. His wounds are a sign that it is really him. No one else has those marks. His wounds are his identification! His wounds bring joy.

Thomas misses Jesus’ first apparition, returning

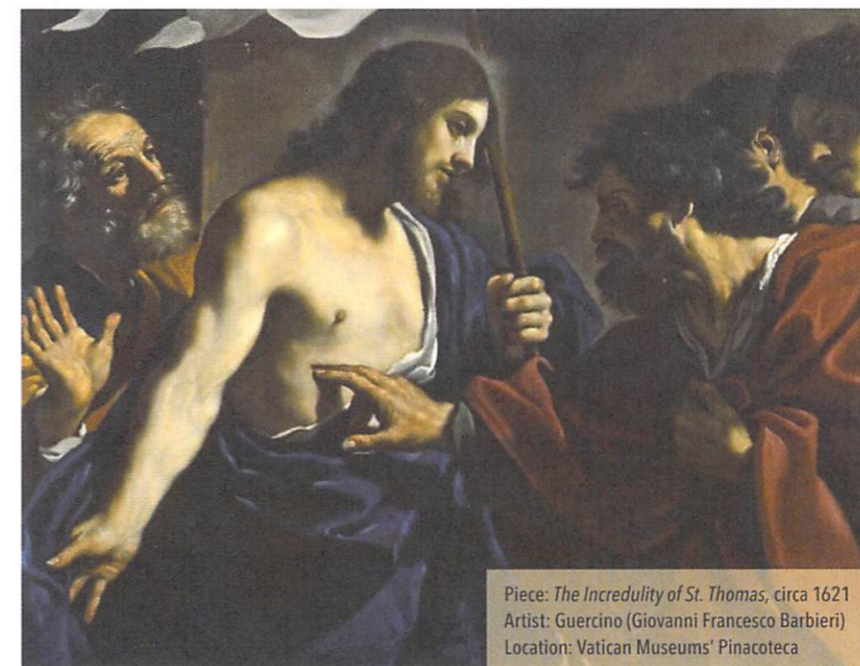
and demanding proof before he will believe. Rather than becoming angry, Jesus shows him his wounds. He invites Thomas to touch the signs of his suffering, and Thomas believes. Jesus’ wounds bring faith.

We, too, need to insert our hands and hearts into Christ’s side, to come into contact with his love and mercy. Only then can we be healed. Only then can we experience real peace, joy, and faith.

That’s why Jesus breathes on his disciples and says, “Receive the holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them” (John 20:22–23). He wants to heal their wounds and see them produce joy and peace in others. God’s grace is to reach all generations through the power of forgiveness he entrusts to his Church. The sacrament of penance is exactly that.

We acknowledge our sins and Jesus responds with understanding, forgiveness, and counsel.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



Piece: *The Incredulity of St. Thomas*, circa 1621
Artist: Guercino (Giovanni Francesco Barbieri)
Location: Vatican Museums’ Pinacoteca

For Reflection

How often and how sincerely do you receive mercy through reconciliation? How often do you show and share the forgiveness and mercy you have been blessed with?

“Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them,
and whose sins you retain are retained” (John 20:23).